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Dental Care Supplement Proposed for DOD Medicare

Proposed legislation to supplement the Defense Department's medicare bill by including a dental care program for dependents, with the government and the sponsor sharing the cost, has been introduced by Rep. Robert Leggett (D-Calif.).

Purpose of the bill (H.R. 17481), Congressman Leggett said "is to provide a program of dental care for dependents of members of the uniformed services similar to the medical program for such personnel enacted by Congress in 1956 in the Dependents' Medical Care Act, now chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code."

The medicare bill (H.R. 14088) is a separate measure submitted to Congress earlier this session.

Among provisions of the latter bill are inpatient and outpatient care for retired military personnel, their dependents and dependents of active service personnel. This includes care from civilian physicians and admittance to civilian hospitals on a cost-sharing basis.

43,700 to Be Drafted in November, October Call Increased by 3,000

A November draft call of 43,700 men for assignment to Army has been requested by the Defense Department.

At the same time, DOD requested Selective Service System to increase the previously announced October draft call by 3,000, bringing the October requirement to 49,200 men.

It was pointed out that Army training operations during December will be scheduled to avoid the entrance of new inductees into active duty during the holiday season.

DOD officials said the December draft call "is expected to result in a substantially lower request" compared to recent months.

Effective Oct. 1, officials said, induction standards will be revised in accordance with a plan to accept 40,000 men this year who could not meet previous standards.

A Defense spokesman said, "some of the inductees scheduled for October and November will include men under the new program" announced earlier by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara.

PROMOTION IN VIETNAM — Newly-promoted Brig. Gen. Edward A. McGough, USAF, receives his star from Lt. Gen. William W. Momyer, USAF, 7th Air Force commander. Brig. Gen. McGough is director of combat operations for the Air Force in Vietnam.

Air Reservations at Reduced Fare Offered to Military on Emergency Leave

Six U.S. airlines offering reduced standby fare to military personnel are now providing "confirmed reservations" to individuals on emergency leave orders.

Airlines offering the emergency leave provision are American, Braniff, Continental, Trans World, Western, and United.

Military passengers must surrender to the carrier a document from "his commanding officer or from the American Red Cross certifying the emergency leave," a Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service (MTMTS) spokesman said.

Other airlines are expected to offer similar provisions to armed forces personnel, the MTMTS spokesman explained.

Four other airlines—Frontier, Bonanza, Allegheny, and Ozark—offer various reduced rates and standby rules.

MTMTS officials recommend military personnel contact local transportation offices for information on special airline fares and standby rules. It was also recommended that transportation officers maintain liaison with local airline representatives regarding any additional changes.

Washington Memos

PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS proclaimed Sept. 17 as "Citizenship Day" and week of Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week, urging appropriate ceremonies and activities so that U.S. citizens might have better understanding of Constitution and rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship.

ANOTHER SOFT MOON-LANDING is scheduled by NASA around Sept. 19. Called Surveyor B, satellite is similar to Surveyor One which used television cameras to photograph lunar surface. Intended landing site is region of Sinus Medii—about in center of Moon's visible space—and like last soft landing, Atlas-Centaur will provide rocket boost.

AMVET MEMBERSHIP WAS authorized for Vietnam and Cold War veterans by House of Representatives in amending veterans' organization's charter. Earlier, American Legion requested and received Congressional and Presidential sanction to change its charter during its late August national convention in Washington to include Vietnam war veterans.

NAVY'S AIRBORNE EARLY Warning Squadron Four, NAS, Jacksonville, Fla., recently completed its 50,000th accident-free hour. Ten thousand of the hours were accumulated during hurricane reconnaissance flights. Operational since 1953, squadron is only one on continent providing advance warning on approaching storms and hurricanes.

ARMY BAND DEDICATED special march to Army's Institute of Heraldry as measure of respect to institute's outgoing commander, Col. Harry D. Temple, who retired Aug. 31. "Aegis Fortissima Honos" was composed by Lt. Col. Samuel Loboda, whose band also awarded Col. Temple honorary membership, making him third person to be so honored.

AIR FORCE IS having 39 T-37B trainer jets modified to AT-37D light ground attack aircraft, capable of performing operational tasks varying from light anti-guerrilla, terrorist patrol duty to direct close air support strike missions for friendly forces. Delivery of the first AT-37D is scheduled to the Tactical Air Command early next spring. The AT-37D will have a range of more than 1,400 miles and can be refueled in flight.

NINETY STUDENTS ATTENDING Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, have received degrees. They include 51 Master of Science degrees in Logistics Management, 18 Bachelor of Science degrees in Aerospace Engineering, and 21 Bachelor of Science degrees in Electrical Engineering. AFIT is an Air University program.

REVOLUTIONARY TYPE AIRCRAFT, with engines located inside its wings, is being evaluated by Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Called ADAM II propulsive wing, possible uses of concept would include aircraft with high subsonic strike-reconnaissance capability operating from widely dispersed landing sites or vertical takeoff and landing transport aircraft.

ENLISTED PROMOTION QUOTA of 56,247 has been released to major Army commanders for September. Authorizations, by grade, are E-9, 50; E-8, 158; E-7, 1,047; E-6, 4,058; E-5, 14,506; and E-4, 36,428.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS called "upon the people of our nation" to observe week beginning Oct. 2 as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." President said in proclamation, "The modern miracles wrought by medical science are permitting physically and mentally handicapped persons to devote more of their energy to pursuits which mark their humanity . . . Let us not ignore, in our search for skilled and able workers, the demonstrated abilities of the handicapped, however severe their disabilities.

NEW DASA DEPUTY is RADM James A. Dare, who replaces Army Brig. Gen. Kenneth F. Dewalt as Deputy Director for Operations and Administration of the Defense Atomic Support Agency. General Dewalt goes back to the Army as Deputy Chief of Research and Development for International Programs. Admiral Dare has been Commander of White Oak, Md., Naval Ordnance Laboratory since May 1965.

CAPT. JAMES A. HODGMAN, USCG, was awarded Legion of Merit with Combat "V" in Washington, D.C., ceremony by Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, Adm. Willard J. Smith on behalf of President Johnson. Award, fifth highest decoration of the armed forces, was presented to Capt. Hodgman for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services while acting as Commander, CG Squadron One, Viet Nam, from May 15, 1965 to Jan. 31, 1966.

AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS Service has received its first seagoing vessel from Army. AFCS will use vessel to repair submarine cable in coastal waters of southeast Alaska, carrying voice link with the mainland. Named for Colonel Basil O. Lenoir, an early commander of Alaska Communications System, vessel was commissioned in April, 1944.

OLDEST NAVY CHAPLAIN, Captain Curtis H. Dickins (Ret.), died Aug. 25 at La Jolla, Calif. Capt. Dickins was 101. On the occasion observing his 100th birthday, Chaplain Dickins said, "I think the world is better today and conditions are brighter." He is survived by his second wife and three children.

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Navy's Deep Sea Vehicle Inspects Underwater Weapon Range Instruments

Alvin, Navy's deep sea vehicle, has made "several interesting discoveries" concerning the Tongue of the Ocean in the Bahamas, according to information just released.

In early August, Alvin was called upon "to inspect weapon range instrumentation installed on the sea bottom" as part of the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTEC), Navy's sophisticated underwater tracking facility nearing completion.

Alvin's team inspected the condition of a network of hydrophones and multiple cable runs from the floor of the Tongue up the nearly perpendicular slope to the shallow reef. The network covers a 5 by 35 mile area in 4,000 to 6,000 feet of water.

Each of the sensors is connected individually to data handling equipment ashore, Navy officials said.

During the hydrophone network inspection tour, the Alvin team found:

- The Tongue has a rough instead of an undulating or flat bottom, with hills of rock or limestone with precipitous sides 200-300 feet high.
- Some areas were found at the foot of the slope where coral sand has accumulated so extensively that they resemble mountain ski slopes.

The 22-foot long, 11-ton Alvin is continuing operations in the Tongue of the Ocean for the Office of Naval Research and the Naval Oceanographic Office.

No-Selection-Board Promotions Available to Army 1st Lts.

Army first lieutenants may be promoted to temporary captain, AUS, without benefit of a DA selection board beginning Oct. 31, under a new promotion policy.

Promotion authority has been delegated to field commanders who presently have authority to promote second lieutenants and warrant officers, W-1.

Specialists—Chaplains, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Veterinary Corps, and Medical Service Corps (with Ph. D. allied to medicine)—who enter active duty on or after Oct. 31, will come in as captains.

Those on active duty in these special branches on Oct. 31 will, if eligible, be promoted to captain.

Other first lieutenants will become eligible for promotion according to date of rank in relation to a specific time schedule. This will vary from 12 to 17 months for some.

The new policy provides for promotion of eligible first lieutenants upon completion of 30 months' Active Federal Commissioned Service. A specific time schedule is provided in the new circular which relates the AFCS to time in grade as first lieutenant.

MINUTEMAN FLAG—Maj. Gen. Harry H. Critz, Ft. Sill, Okla., commander, and Col. Nelson W. Tobey, deputy commander of III Corps Artillery, inspect the "Minuteman" Flag awarded to the colonel's unit for more than 90 percent participation in the Savings Bonds program.

AF On-the-Job Training Reaches Record Totals

Air Force's dual-channel on-the-job training (OJT) program is becoming increasingly important as indicated by an announcement that a record 200,000 airmen will participate during FY67.

"It takes 6 to 18 months of training for an airman to move from the apprentice skill level to the journeyman level," officials said, "and an additional 12 to 24 months OJT is required to reach the supervisory technician level."

Under the dual-channel concept education within a career field is obtained through monitored self-study plus proficiency training for specific missions in a particular field.

Defense Switches to Computers For Manpower Health Information

Department of Defense is switching to electronic computers for more effective management of health manpower under a program approved by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower).

The uniform DOD system will prepare and submit health manpower information necessary to evaluate DOD's policies and procedures and perform other functions.

Some uses include programming information for research into unique problems of voluntary procurement, effective retention, and more efficient management of health manpower.

DOD action is in accordance with President Johnson's recent memorandum to Federal agency heads calling for greater electronic computer use for increased Government efficiency at lowest cost.

Navy Ships in Vietnam To Get Air Conditioners

The Navy is speeding thousands of air conditioning units to its ships operating in Vietnam waters.

"The intense heat and humidity in the region have a deleterious effect upon the performance of both shipboard personnel and equipment," Navy officials said.

On an emergency basis, the Naval Ship Systems Command has established a program to provide maximum cooling capacity for the ships. Approximately 4,000 self-contained air conditioning units are being provided the forces afloat for installation as rapidly as possible.

Navy officials noted that current conditions in Southeast Asia have dictated the need for maintaining sizable quantities of naval surface ships in tropical and sub-tropical Pacific waters and the majority of these ships are now without air conditioning.

Ships now under construction, and planned for the future, will be air conditioned, Navy officials said.

SAC Aircraft Converts To Missile Launch Center

The Strategic Air Command is converting an EC-135C airborne command post aircraft with the capability of being an airborne launch control center (ALCC) for the Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile.

The ALCC will serve as an alternate to SAC underground control centers for launching the solid-fuel missiles, and would take over only if the centers are knocked out by enemy attack.

After installation of new electronic equipment and preliminary tests at the Wichita (Kans.) Division of the Boeing Co., the aircraft will be returned to the Air Force for a field test program.

The same command sequence and safeguards will be observed in the air as on the ground, Air Force said.

LEGION OF MERIT—Lcdr. Dewitt H. Moody, USN, CO, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit Two, receives the Legion of Merit from RAdm. J. Nevin Shaffer, Commander, Mine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Lcdr. Moody was cited for his role in the search and recovery operation for the nuclear weapon lost in the Mediterranean near Palomares, Spain.

AF Makes Electronic Satellite Portraits

The U.S. Air Force will make electronic portraits of satellite shapes to develop a catalog of radar images of possible space vehicle shapes.

The Air Force Systems Command's Electronic Systems Division will use the Radar Target Scatter installation at the Air Force Missile Development Center at Holloman AFB, N.M., to take electronic measurements on some two dozen satellite models, ranging in size from four inches to nine feet long.

The models are basically cones and cylinders, modified with flaring ends or rounded noses. These relatively plain shapes will also be "perturbed" with the addition of fins, spikes representing antennas, and rods running the length of the body.

These electronic portraits will help provide the five basic points of information needed for space object identification, according to an AFSC official.

Servicemen Eligible for Physical Fitness Contest

Military physical fitness leaders may win an expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C. in April and a $1,000 award under a national competition announced by the United States Jaycees.

The Jaycee program recognizes leaders who make a significant contribution to the President's physical fitness program. Eligibility is for those whose assigned duty, or off-duty activity, benefits the civilian or military community.

Anyone on active duty may nominate a person for the awards. Nomination forms are being distributed to all major command headquarters. They contain further information, including deadlines for submitting a nomination.

Navy Completes Massive Drydock Salvage Mission

The Navy has hauled up the 614-foot drydock that was sunk by Hurrican Betsy last September in the Mississippi River off New Orleans, La.

Described as one of the biggest salvage operations since World War II, the refloating operation alone took eight months of careful preparation.

The 6,300 ton drydock, one of the nation's largest mobile ship repair facilities, was salvaged at an estimated $2 million price tag. The Navy said to replace the WW II-built dock today would cost out between $7-8 million.

Turkish Naval Official Receives American Award

The Commander in Chief of the Turkish Navy, Adm. Necdet Uran, was awarded America's fifth highest medal, The Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander), at Pentagon ceremonies Sept. 6.

The Admiral was cited for both his leadership of the Turkish Navy and as NATO commander of the Northeast Mediterranean.

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